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C O N F I D E N T I A L BOGOTA 2420

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, CO
SUBJ: PRESIDENT LOPEZ CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLY COMPROMISING CABLE

1. THE PALACE ADVISED THE EMBASSY ON MARCH 13 OF PRESIDENT LOPEZ' CONCERN OVER A TELEGRAM SENT TO HIM ON MARCH 11 FROM JACKSON HEIGHTS, NEW YORK. THE PRESIDENT SAID HE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE CABLE'S MEANING AND DOES NOT KNOW WHO SENT IT. HE IS WORRIED, HOWEVER, THAT IT MAY REPRESENT AN ATTEMPT TO COMPROMISE HIM IN SOME WAY. FOLLOWING IS THE HEADING AND SPANISH TEXT OF THE TELGRAM (WHICH IS PARTIALLY INCOHERENT) AS RECEIVED; AND AN INFORMAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION WITH EMBASSY COMMENTS IN PARENTHESES.

2. " TLX EXT 3 WC0021 4-030908E070
TDMT JACKSON HEIGHTS NY 51 11 0310P EST ((CK Y TXT CTF))
DR. ALFONSO LOPEZ MICHELSEN, PALACIO DE SAN CARLOS, BOGOTA
EXELENIA EVITANDO INNECESARIA FRICCION CON CASA BLANCA
ENTIENDO SISTEMA TRABAJO OKAY ESPERO VERLE PRONTO ME
DISGUSTAN ADICIONES DIGITAS EN NUESTROS SISTEMA TENEFRICO
UN TAL ARAIGAN NEGLIGENTEMENTE INSISTE EN ARRESTARME
ABSOLUTAMENTE INFORMARME AL DOCTOR BARCO DEL INCIDENTE
ESTOY BIEN
JHRZ"

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3. "EXCELLENCY AVOIDING UNNECESSARY FRICTION WITH WHITE HOUSE
I UNDERSTAND WORK SYSTEM OKAY I HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON I DISLIKE
ADDITIONAL DIGITS IN OUR (TENEFRICO ? - WORD UNKNOWN) SYSTEM A
CERTAIN ARAIGAN (A PROPER NAME) NEGLIGENTLY INSISTS ON ARRESTING
(STOPPING?) ME ABSOLUTELY INFORMING DOCTOR BARCO (COLOMBIAN
AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON) OF INCIDENT I AM WELL
JHRZ"

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INVESTIGATION
AS APPROPRIATE, IN VIEW OF LOPEZ' CONCERN AND CABLE'S MENTION
OF WHITE HOUSE AND AMBASSADOR BARCO.
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